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Of Exposed and Deserted

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The ROYAL CHARTER, establishing an
Hospital for the Maintenance and Edu-
cation of Exposed and Deserted Young
Children.

GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of God,
 and so forth, to whom these Presents shall
 come, Greeting.



Whereas Our Trusty and well-
 beloved Subject *Thomas Coram*
 Gentleman, in behalf of great
 Numbers of helpless Infants
 daily exposed to Destruction, has by his
 Petition humbly represented unto Us, that
 many Persons of Quality and Distinction,
 as well as Others of both Sexes, (being
 sensible

sensible of the frequent Murders committed
 on poor miserable Infants by their Parents
 to hide their Shame, and the inhuman Cu-
 stom of exposing new-born Children to
 perish in the Streets, or training them up
 in Idleness, Beggary, and Theft) have, by
 Instruments in Writing, declared their In-
 tentions to contribute liberally towards the
 erecting an Hospital, after the Example of
 other Christian Countries, and for support-
 ing the same for the Reception, Mainte-
 nance and proper Education of such help-
 less Infants, as soon as We should be gra-
 ciously pleased to grant Our Royal Letters
 Patent for that good Purpose: That sever-
 al Legacies having been bequeathed for
 the same to be paid by Executors, when
 any such Hospital shall be properly esta-
 blished here; the Petitioner therefore hath
 humbly prayed Us, That We would be gra-
 ciously pleased to grant Our Royal Charter
 for incorporating such Persons, as We shall
 think fit for receiving and disposing of
 Charities for erecting and supporting an
 Hospital for the Reception, Maintenance,
 and proper Education of such exposed and
 cast-off Children as may be brought to it
 under

under such Rules and Regulations, as to Us may seem meet.

We, taking the Premises into Our Royal Consideration, and being desirous to promote so good and laudable an Establishment, are graciously pleased to gratify the Petitioner in his Request.

Know Ye therefore, That We, of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, have willed, ordained, constituted and appointed, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, **Do Will**, Ordain, Constitute, Declare and Grant, That

Our Right Trusty, and Right entirely-beloved Cousins,

Charles Duke of Richmond,
 Charles Duke of Grafton,
 Henry Duke of Beaufort,
 John Duke of Bedford,
 William Duke of Devonshire,
 Charles Duke of Marlborough,
 John Duke of Rutland,
 John Duke of Montague,
 Henry Duke of Kent,
 James Duke of Hamilton and Brandon,

Thomas Hollis Duke of Newcastle,
 William Duke of Portland,
 John Duke of Argyle and Greenwich,
 William Duke of Manchester,
 James Duke of Chandos,
 Lionel Cranfield Duke of Dorset, and
 John Duke of Roxborough;

Our Right Trusty and right well-beloved Cousins,

Edward Earl of Derby,
 Theophilus Earl of Huntingdon,
 Henry Earl of Pembroke,
 James Earl of Salisbury,
 James Earl of Northampton,
 Edward Earl of Warwick and Holland,
 Daniel Earl of Winchelsea and Nottingham,
 Philip Earl of Chesterfield,
 William Earl of Essex,
 George Earl of Cardigan,
 Richard Earl of Burlington,
 George Henry Earl of Litchfield,
 Augustus Earl of Berkeley,
 Richard Earl of Scarborough,
 William Anne Earl of Albemarle,
 William Earl of Jersey,
 Henry Earl of Grantham,
 Francis Earl of Godolphin,
 George Earl of Cholmondeley,
 James Earl of Abercorn,
 James Earl of Finlater,
 Charles Earl of Portmore,
 Archibald Earl of Ilay,
 Edward Earl of Oxford and Mortimer,

Philip

Philip Earl Stanhope,
 James Earl of Waldegrave,
 Benjamin Earl of Fitzwalter,
 Spencer Earl of Wilmington, and
 Thomas Earl of Malton;

Our Right Trusty and well-beloved Cousins,

Henry Viscount Lonsdale,
 John Viscount Lymington,
 Pattee Viscount Torrington,
 Henry Viscount Palmerston,
 John Viscount Tyrconnel, and
 Charles Viscount Dillon;

Our Right Trusty and well-beloved

William Lord Abergavenny,
 Algernoon Lord Piercy,
 John Lord Delawar,
 William Ferdinand Lord Hunsdon,
 William Lord Byron,
 William Lord Craven,
 John Lord Carteret,
 Charles Lord Butler of Weston, Earl of Arran,
 John Lord Gower,
 John Lord Hervey,
 Charles Lord Cathcart,
 Thomas Lord Foley,
 Allen Lord Bathurst,
 Robert Lord Walpole,
 John Lord Monson,
 Thomas Lord Lovel,
 William Lord Harrington,
 Philip Lord Hardwick,

William

William Lord Talbot, and
William Lord Sundon;

The LORDS and OTHERS of our Privy Council,
now and for the Time being;

Our Right Trusty and well-beloved Counsellors,

Henry Pelham, Esq;

Sir William Lee, Kt. Chief Justice of Our Court
of King's-Bench,

John Verney, Esq; Master of Our Rolls,

Sir John Willes, Kt. Chief Justice of Our Court
of Common Pleas,

Sir John Comyns, Kt. Chief Baron of Our Court
of Exchequer,

Arthur Onflow, Esq; Speaker of Our House of
Commons, and

Stephen Poyntz, Esq;

Our Trusty and well-beloved

Sir Thomas Hanmer,

Sir Erasmus Philips,

Sir Nathaniel Curzon,

Sir James Lowther,

Sir Michael Newton, Kt.

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Sir William Williams,

Sir John Stanley,

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Sir Gregory Page,

Sir Hans Sloane,

Sir Abraham Elton,

Sir Rowland Hill, and

Sir Edward Hulfe,

Baronets;

Our Right Trusty and well-beloved Counsellors

Sir Paul Methuen, Knight of the Order of the Bath,
and Sir Charles Wager, Knight;

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Sir Robert Baylis,	Sir William Rouse,
Sir George Champion,	Knights and Alder-
Sir Francis Child,	men of Our City of
Sir Joseph Eyles,	<i>London;</i>
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Sir Conrad Springall,	Sir Chaloner Ogle, and
Sir Roger Hudson,	Sir John Gonson,
Sir William Jolliffe,	Knights;
Sir William Perkins,	

Our Trusty and well-beloved

Benjamin Avery, Doctor of Laws;

Our Trusty and well-beloved

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Thomas Crowe,	Robert Nesbitt,
Caleb Coatsworth,	Abraham Hall, and
Benjamin Hoadly,	John Bamber, Doctors
Matthew Lee,	of Physick;
Joseph Letherland,	

Our Trusty and well-beloved

Dudley Ryder, Esquire, Our Attorney-General;

Our Trusty and well-beloved

John Strange, Esquire, Our Solicitor General;

Our Trusty and well-beloved

Micajah Perry, Esquire, Lord Mayor of Our City
of *London;*

Our

Our Trusty and well-beloved

Vere Beauclerk, Esquire, commonly called Lord
Vere Beauclerk ;

Our Trusty and well-beloved

Thomas Pelham,	John Cotton,
Robert Trevor,	William Cooper,
George Doddington,	Charles Cutts,
Anthony Allen,	Peter Delme,
Thomas Archer,	Benjamin Devink,
Edward Ash,	Edward Digby,
John Bance,	John Dod,
Joseph Banks,	Richard Edgcomb,
Walter Baynes,	James Fall,
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Stephen Bisse,	Samuel Feak,
Martin Bladen,	Martin Folkes,
Nathaniel Brassey,	William Gore,
Stamp Brooksbank,	Harry Gough,
James Brudenell,	John Hampden,
Peter Burrell,	Charles Hanbury Wil-
Alexander Hume Camp-	liams,
bell,	Edward Harley,
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Thomas Cartwright of	Herring Hart,
Northamptonshire,	Peter Hartopp,
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John Codrington,	John Hill,
William Conolly,	William Hogarth,
Thomas Cook,	Samuel Holden,
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James Cornwall,	John Hollister,

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 Jacob Houblon,
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 sen,
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 Paul Jodarell,
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 Thomas Lane,
 Charles Leigh,
 John Legg,
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 Thomas Lewis,
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 Henry Marshall, Alder-
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 Owen Meyrick, and
 John Milner, Esquires;
 Colonel John Mordaunt,
 Benjamin Moyer,
 Henry Muilman,
 Henry Neal,
 Robert Nettleton,
 Henry Newman,
 Thomas Newnham,

Robert Norman,
 Nathaniel Paice,
 Thomas Pearse,
 Walter Plummer,
 Henry William Portman,
 George Proctor,
 George Purvis,
 Moses Raper,
 John Rawlinson,
 Jones Raymond,
 John Raymond,
 John Read,
 Thomas Revell,
 Richard Ricards, and
 Henry Rolle, Esquires;
 Captain William Mab-
 bor,
 Henry Roe,
 Joseph Russell,
 John Sawbridge,
 Thomas Scawen,
 Augustus Schutz,
 John Schutz,
 William Sharpe,
 William Sloane,
 Edward Southwell,
 John Spencer,
 Harry Spencer,
 Temple Stanion,
 Edward Stephenson,
 Arthur Stert,
 Alexander Stewart,
 William Steuart,
 John Talbott,
 James Theobalds,

Peter

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Joseph Thomson,
Robert Thornton,
William Tillard,
Robert Tothill, and
Edward Town,
Esquires;

Captain Robert Hudson,
Horatio Townshend,
Gerard Van Neck,
James Vernon,
Samuel Underhill,
George Wade,
Anthony Walburge,
Edward Walpole,
John Walton,

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Robert Atkins,
George Arnold,
David Barclay,
Osmond Beavour,
Thomas Beckford,
Samuel Bosanquet,
David Bosanquet,
William Braund,
John Burnaby,
William Coleman,
Samuel Craghead,
Richard Dawson,
Conrad Desmeth,
Edward Dod,
James Douglas,
Roger Drake,
William Dunster,
Christopher Emmott,

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Lewis Way,
Thomas Weddall,
Taylor White,
Francis Wilks,
Watkin Williams Wynn
Adam Williamfon,
William Woolfafton,
Josias Wordsworth,
John Woowen,
Matthew Wymonde-
folde,
John Yeamans,
William Young, and
Joseph Wyndham Att
Esquires;

John Furley,
John Gascoyne,
Peter Gaussen,
Richard Glover,
Peter Stephen Godin,
John Gore,
William Goffelin,
John Hanbury,
John Hayward,
William Hunt,
Edward Hunt,
Theodore Jacobson,
John Lister,
James Lock,
Joshua Lock,
Baltzer Lyell,
Benjamin Lythieuillier,
Gilbert Malcher,

Henry

Henry March,
 Isaac Milner,
 John Mucklow,
 Albert Nesbitt,
 Nathaniel Newnham,
 the Younger,
 Richard Partridge,
 John Philips,
 William Rawstern,
 John Rudge,
 Charles Savage,
 Peter Simond,
 Samuel Skinner,
 William Snelling,
 John South,
 Henry Spirling,
 Thomas Thomas,
 Samuel Travers,
 Samuel Trench, and
 Mark Wayland, Mer-
 chants;
 John Waple, and

William Watts, Gentle-
 men;
 Andrew Drummond,
 Benjamin Hoar,
 James Martin, and
 Thomas Snow, Bankers;
 Richard Buckley,
 Brewer;
 Peter Collinson, Mercer;
 William Cheseelden,
 Peter Sainthill,
 William Petty,
 John Belchier, and
 John Winchester,
 Surgeons;
 William Mount,
 Stationer;
 Sylvanus Bevan,
 Druggist;
 John Knapton,
 Bookseller;

And the said *Thomas Coram*, the Petitioner;
 And such others, as shall, from time to time
 be elected in the Manner herein after di-
 rected, They and their Successors be, and
 shall for ever hereafter be, by Vertue of
 these Presents, one Body Politick and Cor-
 porate, in Deed and in Name, by the Name
 of *The Governors and Guardians of the Ho-
 spital for the Maintenance and Education of
 Exposed and Deserted Young Children*; and
 them

them and their Successors, by the same Name, We do by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, constitute and declare to be one Body Politick and Corporate in Deed and in Law; and by the same Name they and their Successors shall and may have perpetual Succession; and that they and their Successors, by that Name, shall and may for ever hereafter be Persons able and capable in the Law, and may have Power, notwithstanding the Statute of Mortmain, to purchase, have, take, receive, and enjoy, to them and their Successors, Manors, Messuages, Lands, Rents, Tenements, Annuities and Hereditaments, of whatsoever Nature or Kind, in Fee and Perpetuity, or for Terms of Life or Years, not exceeding the Yearly Value of Four thousand Pounds beyond Reprizes, so far as they are not restrained by Law; and all Manner of Goods, Chattels and Things whatsoever, of what Nature or Value soever, for the better Support and Maintenance of such poor, deserted Children, as shall be received into the said Hospital, in the Manner herein after-mentioned; and also to sell, grant, demise, exchange and dispose of

of any of the same Manors, Messuages, Lands and Tenements, whereof and wherein they shall have any Estate of Inheritance, or for Life, Lives or Years as aforesaid; and that by the Name aforesaid they shall and may be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all Courts and Pleas whatsoever of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in all Actions, Complaints, Matters and Demands whatsoever, and to act and do in all Matters and Things relating to the said Corporation, in as ample Manner and Form as any other Our liege Subjects, being Persons able and capable in the Law, or any other Body Politick or Corporate in this Part of Our Kingdom of *Great Britain* called *England*, lawfully may or can act or do; and that the said Corporation for ever hereafter shall and may have and use a Common Seal for the Causes and Businesses of them and their Successors; and that it shall and may be lawful for them and their Successors to change, break, alter and make new the said Seal from time to time as they shall think fit.

And, for the better Execution of the Purposes aforesaid, **We do Declare and Grant**, That the said Corporation, and their Successors for ever, shall have One President, Six Vice-Presidents, and One Treasurer; and that the said *John Duke of Bedford* be the first President; that the said *Micajah Perry*, the said Lord *Vere Beauclerk*, the said Sir *Joseph Eyles*, the said *Martin Folkes*, the said *Peter Burrel*, and the said *James Cook*, be the Six first Vice-Presidents; and that the said *Lewis Way* be the first Treasurer of the said Corporation, each of them respectively to continue in their severall and respective Offices of President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer, until the Second *Wednesday* in *May*, One thousand Seven hundred and Forty, and until others shall be chosen in their respective rooms.

And Our Will and Pleasure is, That the said President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer, and the rest of the Members of the said Corporation also above-named, or as many of them the said President, Vice-Presidents and Members as conveniently can,
may,

may, within Forty Days next after the Date of this Our Grant, meet together at such Time and Place as the said President shall appoint by Summons, or other Notice, which he is by these Presents impowered and required timely to issue for that Purpose to the said Members, or such of them as live within the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*, or the Borough of *Southwark*, or within Two Miles thereof; where they, or the major Part of them then present, may choose by Ballot One or more Secretaries, and such other inferior Officers and Servants as shall be thought convenient and useful for the Purposes of the said Corporation, and to serve in the said Offices respectively, until the Second *Wednesday* in the Month of *May*, One thousand Seven hundred and Forty, and until others shall be elected in their respective rooms, unless they shall sooner die, or be removed; and at such Meetings One or more Committee or Committees shall be chosen out of the Members of the said Corporation, to consist of such Number and Persons as to the said General Court shall seem proper; which Committee or Committees shall continue until the said

Second *Wednesday* in the Month of *May* in the said Year One thousand Seven hundred and Forty, and shall have Power to direct, manage and transact all the Business, Affairs, Estate and Effects of the said Corporation, and take in, receive, maintain and employ such poor, deserted Children, according to such Rules and Directions as shall be made and established from time to time by General Courts; to which said General Courts We do by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant full Power and Authority to make and establish such Rules and Directions for the Reception, Maintenance and Employment of such poor deserted Children, as they, or the major Part of them, shall think meet, fit and convenient, from time to time; and for that Purpose such Committee or Committees may erect or purchase such fitting Place to be an Hospital for the Reception of such Children.

And Our further Will is, That on every Second *Wednesday* in the Month of *May* yearly, there shall and may be a General Meeting of the Governors and

Guar-

Guardians of the said Corporation in the said Hospital, or at some other convenient Place, until the said Hospital be made ready to receive them, for the electing by Ballot all succeeding Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Treasurers and Committees out of the Members of the said Corporation, by Majority of Votes of all the Members then personally present, to continue in their respective Offices until the Second *Wednesday* in the said Month of *May* following, and until others shall be chosen in their respective rooms; and that all succeeding Secretaries, and other inferior Officers and Servants, be annually appointed, or oftener if needful, by the major Part of the Governors and Guardians for the time being then present at their General Meeting; and in case of an Equality of Votes, the President, or in case of his Death or Absence, the Vice-President first named in the List of Vice-Presidents then present, to have a double or casting Voice, and at such Salaries as they shall think reasonable.

And We will moreover, That there shall be every Year Four stated General Meetings

of the Governors and Guardians of the said Corporation, to be held on the first *Wednesdays* after *Lady-Day*, *Midsummer*, *Michaelmas* and *Christmas* Days respectively; at which Meetings, and no other, the said Corporation, or the major Part of the Members thereof then present, shall and may execute Leases for Years, and make By-Laws for the Well-government of the said Corporation; which By-Laws, not being repugnant to the Laws and Statutes of this Our Realm, shall and may be effectually observed and kept.

Provided nevertheless, and Our Will is, That no such By-Laws so to be made by this Corporation shall be binding, until the same shall be confirmed by some succeeding General Meeting; and that the same Method be observed in the Altering or Repealing any such By-Laws, after they shall have been so confirmed: And the Members to be present at such Quarterly Meetings, or the major Part of them then present, are hereby impowered, from time to time, to remove and displace any Officers or Servants belonging to the said Hospital

spital for Misdemeanors at their Will and Pleasure, and to put others into their rooms from time to time: And We do hereby also impower the Committee for the Time being, or any Five or more of them, on any just Cause, to suspend, remove and displace any inferior Officers or Servants, and to put others in their rooms, until the next General or Quarterly Court or Meeting.

Provided, That no Act in any Quarterly or other General Meeting be valid, unless Thirteen or more Members be present, and the major Part of such as shall be present be consenting thereto.

We Will moreover, That the said Corporation, and their Successors, or the major Part of such of them as shall be present at any Yearly or Quarterly Court, or other General Meeting, which the President has by these Presents Power to summon at any other Times, as there shall be Occasion, may, from time to time, by Ballot, elect and choose such fit and able Persons to be Governors and Guardians as they shall think

think most likely to encourage and promote the charitable Designs of the said Corporation; which Governors and Guardians so elected, shall, from and after such Election, be adjudged and deemed Members of the said Corporation, and as such shall be summoned and admitted to vote and act by virtue of these Presents as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if their Names respectively were particularly inserted to be Members thereof in and by this Our Charter.

And We Will moreover, That the said Corporation, and their Successors, shall have Power to authorize and appoint such Persons as they shall think fit to take Subscriptions, and to ask of all or any of Our good Subjects, and gather and collect such Monies as shall, by any Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, Companies, or other Societies, be contributed and given for the Purposes aforesaid; and may revoke and make void such Authorities and Appointments, as often as they may see Cause so to do.

And

And Our further Will and pleasure is, That the said Corporation shall and may cause fair and just Accounts in Writing to be kept of all Receipts, Payments and Doings by them, their Officers, and Agents respectively, in relation to the Premises, which shall be liable to the View and Inspection of any Subscriber or Subscribers, Benefactor or Benefactors, upon Occasion; which said Accounts shall, on the Twentieth Day of *December* in every Year, or within Fourteen Days after, be examined, audited, adjusted and subscribed by the Members present at such Meeting, or the major Part of them.

We Will moreover, That all Persons, who shall subscribe and pay to the said Corporation to the Amount of Twenty Pounds or more, or of Forty Shillings or more annually, shall have free Liberty to inspect the said Hospital, and inform themselves of the State thereof, and of the Manner of Nursing, Dieting, Managing, Instructing and Employing the Children therein.

And

And further We Will, That in all General Courts the President, or, in case of his Death or Absence, the Vice-President first-named in the List of Vice-Presidents then present, be the Chairman of the said Court, and to have a casting Voice in case of an Equality of Votes.

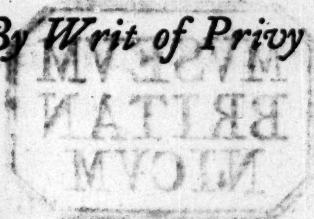
And lastly Our Will and Pleasure is, That these Our Letters Patent, or the Inrollment or Exemplification thereof, shall be good, firm, valid and effectual in the Law, according to Our Royal Intentions herein before declared; and shall be taken, construed and adjudged, in all Our Courts and elsewhere, in the most favourable and beneficial Sense, and for the best Advantage of the said Corporation and their Successors; any Omission, Imperfection, Defect, Matter, Cause or Thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding, without Fine or Fee, great or small, to be for the same in any Manner rendered, done or paid to Us in Our Hanaper, or elsewhere, to Our Use.

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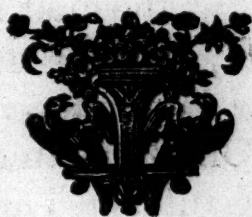
In Witneſs whereof we have cauſed theſe
Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witneſs Ourſelf at *Westminster*, the
Seventeenth Day of *October*, in the
Thirteenth Year of Our Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal,



COCKS.



In Wines whereof we have caused these
Our Letters to be made Patent

Wine's Carrels at Westminster, the
Seventeenth Day of October, in the
Thirteenth Year of Our Reign.

